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Heroic Actions by Inmates and Deputies Save Inmate from Suicide Attempt

Detention Deputies responded to an alert in the G-block of the Flagler County Detention Facility on Monday afternoon. There they found an inmate had attempted to hang himself from the stairwell using a bed sheet. The attempt was unsuccessful due to the fast actions of other inmates and Detention Deputies.

CCTV video shows the inmate tie the bed sheet to the hand rail on the stairs and then around his neck. He is next seen climbing over the railing where he attempts to jump. Other inmates quickly ran over and blocked his fall and prevented the suicide attempt. Inmates and Detention Deputies then lifted the inmate back over the railing and removed the bed sheet from his neck. The inmate was taken to the hospital for medical attention and evaluation.

"Our Detention Facility has fencing on the second floor of the cell blocks in order to prevent falls or suicide attempts," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Due to the location of the security of the catwalk, this inmate attempted to hang himself from the hand rail on the stairs. Thankfully other inmates and Detention Deputies reacted quickly and were able to save him. I commend the inmates and deputies heroic actions for helping save a life together."

The inmates involved in preventing the suicide will be recognized by Sheriff Staly and thanked for their assistance. The inmates involved in this incident have not been convicted and are awaiting trial.

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